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Elementary School Experiences

The school that I chose to investigate is Narragansett Elementary School. I actually attended that school for three years, second-fourth grade. Demographically, the town of Narragansett is predominantly white. There are a few African American families that live there but not many. Growing I remember there being exactly three other black kids in that school besides me. There was two girls, one of them was my cousin and they both were one grade ahead of me. There was one black boy, I do not remember what grade he was in. For me, I was the only black kid in my whole grade.

As far as how the school looked when I was there, it was in great condition. It didn’t even compare to the school of East St. Louis from *Savage Inequalities.* When reading about the conditions of the schools that these students had to go too, I felt incredibly ungrateful. I would have never thought that I was so lucky to attend elementary, middle and high schools that were in excellent condition when compared to the schools and town of East St. Louis. I cannot even imagine going to a school with bathrooms that have no doors and rotted toilets. Or even living in a town that was so poor that it became basically a wasteland for garbage and poisonous chemicals.

When I think back to elementary school I cannot really think of many complaints that I had particularly about the school; the cafeteria was great, the gymnasium was huge, the classes were perfect sizes, all of the bathrooms functioned and it was easy to get around the school. The only thing that I never liked about the school was that sometimes I felt out of place because there was only four black kids in the whole school and there was no black faculty or staff. But when I read about the schools in St. Louis, I definitely grew a greater appreciation for Narragansett Elementary school. My younger sister now attends Narragansett Elementary, previously she attended Underwood in Newport, and show loves Narragansett, she loves the school and her teachers. Again, with her the only problem she has is the lack of students who look like her.